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but directly with the needs of men. Its speech is the familiar speech of daily intercourse. Not having the smack of conventional piety, the traditional Churches are deaf to its meaning. But the familiar speech of every day is the soul's true vernacular. What the Churches are trying to hold onto is stale rhetoric and dead symbols, mummy-cases of the unverified assumptions of an old world that has dropped into chaos. The religion of today and tomorrow will sometime, perhaps suddenly, organize itself as the noblest institutional expression of the community and its ideals. Its forms and services will grow by a natural evolution out of enlightened effort to meet the needs of men.

Dr. McConnell's statement that the liberal Churches have generally failed is premature. The present age is permeated by the spirit of liberal ideals. Dr. McConnell himself has not entirely escaped the contagion. Modern liberalism is still young, and the rapidly growing democracy of all human institutions decrees that the religion of democracy must be a free religion. That freedom cannot be a pretense. It must be founded on a genuine respect for honest convictions, for verified truth and the recognition of progress.

Sincere and honest men of this new age will be drawn into sympathetic and active relation with the institution of religion whenever it is seen to be an intelligent expression of the ideals of this age.

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FOR RELIEF OF TENSION

SIR,—Give us agriculturalists good measure of such articles as "The Editor with the Hoe" and "Between Us Liars"—just to relieve the war tension. It's bound to be a long pull before we sight shore!

About all that makes existence tolerable in these times is the memory of the past and the hope of the future. Amid the abiding memories are Mark Twain, and Marse Henry; and the present writer is willing to survive so long as George Harvey can dictate editorial matter while scrubbing the stoop—beg pardon, piazza—and watching his pet cavort. May one who never voted the Republican ticket, but has lived to see Bryan barred out, and Roosevelt retired, and Pennsylvania Avenue crowded with triumphant, satisfied, ultra-patriotic ex-Confederate soldiers in uniform, marching with their colors, rise to remark: "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform"; Russia knows it now; Great Britain is finding it out; may not America find herself as never before?—realizing the prophecy of Bishop Berkeley: "Westward the course of empire takes its way; the first four acts already past, a fifth shall close the drama with the day; Time's noblest offspring is its last." Yes, we have something to hope and live for, thanks to Woodrow Wilson! God bless and preserve him!

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